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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the Apetlon Area

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REMARKS

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1. From 7 to 9 August 1951, Soviet troops held field exercises in the St. Andrae (P 48/X 85)-Apetlon (P 48/X 74)-Wallorn (P 48/X 84) area. Troops were seen emplacing guns in the open terrain, with some of the emplacements being sunken. The residents of Pamhagen (P 48/X 84), Wallorn, Apetlon, Illmitz (P 48/X 74) and St. Andrae were restricted to their localities on the days specified.
2. A night AA firing practice involving 3 searchlights and an undetermined number of guns was held in the area southwest of Apetlon during the night of 8 August. The guns fired at a towed sleeve target illuminated by three searchlights, two of which stood near points 118 and 119 at the lake shore, while the third stood near the gun emplacements west of the Apetlon dairy. *

3. The following AAA units were loaded at the Wallorn railroad station between 10 and 12 August : 50X1-HUM

4. Following the departure of units between 10 and 12 August, only a guard detail of about 20 men with trucks and 2 searchlights remained at Camp Apetlon. The searchlights were turned upwards, covered 50X1-HUM

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with tarpaulins and mounted on 4 small iron wheels each. 

*  Comment. Probably a final exercise of the AAA units which subsequently entrained.

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